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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN REPROCESSING PLANT

REF: (A) ISLAMABAD 554; (B) PARIS 615; (C) STATE 10960;
(D) STATE 6091; (E) STATE 6596

1. THE FOLLOWING IS INTENDED TO BRING YOU UP TO DATE ON
RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE REPROCESSING ISSUE.

2. AFTER THE LE MONDE STORY, THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY
ISSUED A STATEMENT JANUARY 9 INDICATING THAT FRANCE HAS
PROPOSED TO THE PAKISTANIS A STUDY OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE
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REPROCESSING PLANT IN ORDER TO AVOID THE PRODUCTION OF
PURE PLUTONIUM (REF B).

3. REF D AND REF E PROVIDE DEPT GUIDANCE AND ACTUAL EX-
CHANGE BETWEEN STATE DEPT PRESS SPOKESMAN AND THE PRESS IN
RESPONSE TO THE NEW YORK TIMES STORY OF JAN 10 (SENT BY
WIRELESS FILE).

4. FRENCH AMBASSADOR DELABOULAYE CALLED AMBASSADOR SMITH JAN 11 TO SAY THAT THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY HOPES THAT PUBLICATION OF THE FRENCH PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE TERMS OF THE PAKISTANI DEAL WILL NOT CAUSE A CHANGE OF ATTITUDE ON

THE PART OF THE STATE DEPT. DELABOULAYE ADDED THAT THE FRENCH TRUST THAT WE WILL NOT DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH CONGRESS AND ALSO BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE REGRETTABLE IF ANY APPARENT RELEASE FROM GLENN AMENDMENT PRESSURE MIGHT LEAD TO FURTHER PAKISTANI RESISTANCE TO WHAT THE FRENCH ARE TRYING TO DO.

5. AS NOTED IN REF C, DECISION WAS MADE AT A HIGH LEVEL TO ALLOW YOU TO MOVE AHEAD WITH IMET PROGRAM THROUGH MARCH 1978. WE WILL NOT, HOWEVER, RESUME ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AT THIS TIME, SINCE TO DO SO WOULD REQUIRE THE SORT OF CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS TO WHICH THE FRENCH ARE OPPOSED. IT WAS ALSO DECIDED, FOR THE SAME REASON, TO DEFER ANY DECISION ON THE DESTROYER SALE.

6. YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO ADHERE TO PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO DISCUSS THE FRENCH PROPOSAL WITH THE PAKISTANIS. WE HAVE UNDER ACTIVE REVIEW YOUR SUGGESTION THAT WE ASK THE SHAH TO WEIGH IN WITH THE PAKISTANIS AND WILL LET YOU KNOW ASAP. CHRISTOPHER

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